

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: BELLSOUTH'S ENTRY INTO LONG DISTANCE (INTERLATA) SERVICE IN
TENNESSEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
OF 1996**

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PETITION TO INTERVENE

The Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.

SECCA is a group of telephone carriers, many of whom are authorized to provide competitive local exchange service in Tennessee. These carriers have organized for the purpose of participating in the state regulatory proceedings in order to economize each member's resources. SECCA seeks to intervene in this proceeding because the case requires the TRA to determine whether BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) offers non-discriminatory, cost-based interconnection to competitive carriers, such as the members of SECCA and whether BellSouth is otherwise eligible, under federal law, to enter the inter-LATA market in Tennessee. As present and potential providers of local and inter-LATA service in Tennessee, the members of SECCA have a legal interest in the outcome of this proceeding. SECCA is aware of the matters previously addressed in this case and will agree to be bound by the TRA's decisions which are binding on other parties. Therefore, granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

An order granting the petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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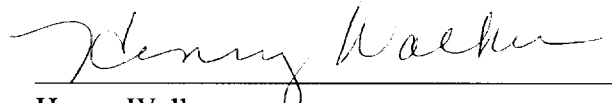
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ORDER

For good cause shown, the Authority finds that the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association is entitled to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310. The petition is therefore granted.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director